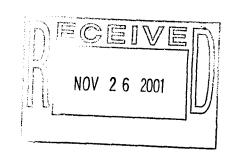


## VIA fax and mail



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**RE:** Protected Species Special Exemption Permits Docket No. 001031304-01

Dear Ms. Terbush:

As director of the New York Aquarium, an accredited member of the American Zoo and Aquarium (AZA), I am writing to fully endorse AZA's comments with regard to the National Marine Fisheries Service's proposed regulations pertaining to the public display of marine mammals. It was nice to have had the opportunity to get some clarifications of the Services' intent at the AZA Conference in St. Louis in September.

Thank you for this opportunity.

Regards,,

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